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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PROVIDES GANG INVESTIGATION TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

On June 15, 2011, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama conducted training at Auburn University Montgomery on gang investigations for federal and state law enforcement personnel throughout the state. The purpose of the training was to equip law enforcement with the necessary tools to identify, investigate, and bring prosecutions against violent gangs in their individual communities.

Violent gangs remain a pervasive threat throughout the United States and the state of Alabama. Wherever such gangs are present, they are a significant driving force for criminal activity, particularly violent crime and the illegal trafficking of narcotics and firearms. The investigation and prosecution of violent gangs remains one of the highest priorities for the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney Offices.

Attendees at the course received training on the fundamentals of how to conduct a gang investigation, the type of gangs that are present in the state of Alabama, how gangs are impacting the Alabama Department of Corrections, and how technology can be utilized in a gang investigation. The speakers at the conference included state and national experts in their respective fields, including Assistant United States Attorneys

James Trusty of the United States Department of Justice and Nathan Stump from the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama, Computer Forensic Investigator Mike Trotter from the Alabama District Attorneys Association, Alabama Department of Corrections Investigator/Gang Specialist Eric Bascomb, and Kevin Turner, the Chief Investigator for the District Attorney's Office for the 23rd Judicial District of Alabama.